AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. **(Currently Amended)** An assistant ceiling device for shielding an emergency escape hatch located at a ceiling of an elevator cab, wherein said elevator cab includes one or more rows of hanging illuminating means along a length of said elevator cab, the assistant ceiling device comprising:

~~two elongated rail guides, each being installed at either side of the emergency escape hatch and having a length longer than that of the emergency escape hatch and shorter than that of the ceiling of the elevator cab; and~~

~~an assistant ceiling plate consisting of a rectangular thin plate and being laid on the rail guides to shield the emergency escape hatch, each of the rail guides having a latching jaw formed at a lower end of the rail guide while being bent inward, and the ceiling plate being installed between the rail guides by laying both opposite sides of the ceiling plate on the latching jaws of the rail guides,~~

~~wherein each of the rail guides is formed, at an upper end, with a slot having a width through which a head of a bolt cannot pass, and with a guide recess having a passageway having a size through which the head of the bolt can freely move, so that the rail guides can be fastened to the ceiling of the elevator cab by means of the bolts equipped to the rail guides.~~

(a) two elongated rail guides attached to said ceiling of said elevator cab, wherein said two rail guides are positioned on opposing sides of said emergency escape hatch, wherein said two rail guides are approximately parallel to each other, wherein each of said rail guides has a slot and a guide recess along the longitudinal extent of the same of said rail guides, wherein

said slot and said guide of each of said rail guides are situated on an upper end of the same of said rail guides, wherein the upper end of each of said rail guides is adjacent to said ceiling of said elevator cab, wherein each of said rail guides has a latching jaw situated on a lower end of the same of said rail guides, and wherein said latching jaw of each of said rail guides comprises upper protrusions,

(b) one or more fasteners for attaching each of said rail guides to said ceiling of said elevator cab, wherein each of said fasteners has a head positioned in said guide recess of one of said rail guides, wherein said head of each of said fasteners can freely move in said guide recess of said rail guides, and wherein said head of each of said fasteners cannot pass through said slot of said rail guides, and

(c) an assistant ceiling plate, wherein said assistant ceiling plate comprises a rectangular plate, wherein said assistant ceiling plate comprises one or more downward protrusions on opposing sides of said assistant ceiling plate, wherein said assistant ceiling plate is positioned on said latching jaws of both of said rail guides, and wherein said downward protrusions of said assistant ceiling plate are engaged with said upper protrusions of said latching jaws of said rail guides,

wherein said assistant ceiling plate visually shields said escape hatch, wherein said assistant ceiling plate can be separated from said rail guides and is moveable along said rail guides, and wherein said assistant ceiling plate does not cover said hanging illuminating means of said elevator cab.

2. **(Currently Amended)** The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said one or more fasteners comprises one or more bolts, wherein the ceiling of the elevator cab ~~is formed with~~ has a plurality of holes for inserting the bolts ~~equipped to the rail guides~~, ~~and~~ wherein each of the holes is elongated perpendicular to the longitudinal direction of said ~~an associated~~ rail guides, and wherein said rail guides are moveable in the elongate direction of said holes ~~such that the rail guide is movable in a width direction of the assistant ceiling plate by a length of the holes~~.

3. **(New)** The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said assistant ceiling plate is positioned above said hanging illuminating means of said elevator cab.